

The Commissioners of Fire District No.1
In the Township of South Brunswick
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No.1, in the Township of South Brunswick, was called to order by Chairman William Orchard, at 6:37 p.m., in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Berezansky, Hohmeier, Josephson and Orchard.

Members absent: Commissioner Olson

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of January regular meeting minutes: Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- Stats for the month: 30 calls; 4 drills and 2 duty details.
- Company assisted North Brunswick with a large warehouse fire.
- The Company also assisted with a very bad car accident in the Township.

President – He was not at this evening's meeting.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky presented the Report and noted that all the bills had been paid; it was a light month. After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve it and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report – Mr. Olson was not in attendance.

Fire Coordinator's Report – Mr. Perez reported the following:

1. The job posting for the Firefighter position will be posted on 2/12 and come down on 2/26. Interviews will be the following week and Ms. Berezansky and Mr. Hohmeier will assist Mr. Perez with the interviews, as well as DC Mike Corl. A format will be used, having it specific to Kendall Park Fire Company' needs. He noted that if they can agree on a person, the Board would be able to make the appointment at the March meeting. Mr. Braslow did receive a copy of the job posting, but has not responded yet.
2. The new Chiefs vehicles will be purchased from Winter Ford in Cherry Hill. They will be red Expeditions and cost \$51,415 each. To outfit the trucks will be about \$40K each. Ms. Berezansky made a motion to approve the purchase of two command vehicles and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. Mr. Perez will put the purchase order tomorrow. He noted the old ones may be auctioned off.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Orchard reminded everyone to vote at the 2/17 Budget Election.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – everything is good.

State Association – the next meeting will be in March.

Insurance – all policies are paid up and it was noted that the Workman's Comp policy went down. A check for a refund of \$500 is in the mail.

Unfinished Business: Authorizing Creation of Position of Firefighter

Mr. Perez read into the record Resolution 24/25-5 (file copy attached) – Authorizing Creation of Paid Position of Firefighter. Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve the resolution and Ms. Berezansky seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Hohmeier-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Orchard-yes. Mr. Olson was absent. The resolution was unanimously approved by those in attendance.

Resolution 24/25-6: Notice of Adoption of Resolution 24/25-5 was read into the record by Mr. Perez (file copy attached). Ms. Berezansky made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Hohmeier seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Hohmeier—yes and Mr. Orchard-yes. Mr. Olson was absent. The resolution was unanimously approved by the Commissioners present.

New Business:

Mr. Perez reported that an interlocal agreement between Districts 1 and 3 has been reached. It states that District 3 will be administering the per denim staff, which means that it will bill District 1 for the use of the per denim staff, to supplement District 1's paid staff during the day. The agreement was made between Districts 1 and 3 (file copy attached). It states that District 1 agrees to pay District 3 (not to exceed \$40K) for Administration of the per denim staff. District 3 will invoice District 1 quarterly. This agreement needs to be signed all the Commissioners.

In addition, the term of the agreement will be for 12 months beginning 3/11/24 and ending 3/10/25, subject to any prior termination.

Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve the Agreement and Ms. Berezansky seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Hohmeier-yes and Mr. Orchard-yes. Mr. Olson was absent. The Agreement was passed unanimously by those in attendance at this evening's meeting.

Executive Session: The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. to discuss firematices and came out at 7:14 p.m.

Address from the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Josephson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:1 5p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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